talking for weeks had tanded upon American soil.

Li Hung Chang walked up the gangplank on the arm of Gen, Ruger in the full uniform of a Major-General of the United States army, Back of these two walked Gen, James H. W. Ison, U. S. A., retired, Then came Low Fang Lub. the first secretary to Li Hung Chang and his interpreter; the statesman's nephew and adopted son, and his own son, known in England and among Englishmen in China as Lord Li, Jr. Then followed the others of the suite. When Li reached the head of the gangplank the drum corps of the Naval Reserve struck up the long roll.

ALL HAD HEARD OF THE VELLOW JACKET.

went down the elevator together.

OFF FOR THE WALDORF.

Carr'ages were in waiting on the ground floor of the pier for the entire party. In the first carriage were Li and his son. Opposite them on the front seat sat First Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill, who lived man) years in China and speaks Chinese fluently, and Gen. Ruger. In the second carriage were Major Davis of Gen. Ruger's staff, Low Fang Luh, the Chinese Minister Yang, and the younger Li. The third carriage contained Capt. Mills of Gen. Ruger's staff, Dr. George Mark, Li'z Chinese physician. Dr. Irwin, his English physician, and Mr. E. B. Drew, an American, who has for years been one of the Chinese Emperor's most trusted advisers and bolds the office of Commissioner of Tages, in other carriages followed the other members of his suite.

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As soon as Li's carriage drew out of the pier shed the cavalry were wheeled into line, the command. "Forward: march." was given and Li Hung Chans's triumphal parade through the greatest of American citles began. The procession was headed by a squad of seven mounted policemen, under command of Sergeant Ravel. Following them came the cavalry band and then the troopers. Back of the troopers was the line of carriages and back of them, 150 policemen on foot. After these came the deluge of stringsline, pushing, shouting New Yorkers, eager to get a glimpse of the distinguished Chinaman.

CHEERS FOR THE NATION'S GUEST.

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The line of march was as follows: Through West street to Battery place, to Broadway, to Fifth avenue, to the Washington square, to Fifth avenue, to the Washington square was time in New York's recent history when so many persons have gathered along the streets with the state of the streets were through which Li Hung Chang passed on the way to his hotel. From the American line pler up to the hotel both sides of the streets were lined with rows upon rows of men, women, and children. During the passing of the procession all traffic in the streets mentioned was stopped and no o'e had anything to do but to look and comment and cheer. Along Broadway store windows and the windows o the great sky scrapers, from ground floor to roof, were filled with persons. There were few buildings that did not display bunting. The colors were mostly the Stars and Stripes. Here and there a Chinese flag foated, more noticeable because there were so few others. The lack of Chinese colors should not be taken as an indication that New Yorkers were unwilling to display that flag. It was only because there are so few Chinese flags in the city.

IMPRESSED BY OUR SKY SCRAPERS.

strangers on board, for the first time, saw what a fine figure of a man this great Oriental states-He is more than aix feet tall, but stoop slightly, carrying himself at about the height of six footer. Whether he is portly or meagre of build the fashion of clothes demanded by a meeting with the representative of the President of the United States made it impossible to judge. But there he was, a stordy, stalwart, decidedly distinguished-looking man, as he waited for some one of the ceremony to enter the room. When he did enter, Mr. Wright, an officer of the American line, stepped forward with Gen. Ruger, whom he presented to Li Hung Chang. Ruger acknowledged the introduction with a little speech, in which he explained to his Excellency his official position as represen tative of the President, and his Excellency said something in a low, rather pleasant tone whereupon the Earl's First Secretary, Li Ching Fung, informed Gen. Ruger that his Excellency was pleased to meet him and hoped his health was all that could be desired. The First Secretary was especially anxious to be informed as to the health of the President of the United States. Gen. Ruger solemnly told his Excellency that it pleasant privilege to report that the health of the President of the United States was Al, or formal words to that effect. There were one or two more formal passages of speech during which Li Hung Chang sat down on one of the comfortable setters of the room, and the Chinese Minister sat upon his right and Gen. Ruger upon his left. For some time his Excellency conversed in Chinese with his Minister. and then to the delight of the reporters, who had heard of the unexpected questions with which Li Hung Chang surprises people, he turned to Gen. Ruger and through his interpreter asked:

QUESTIONS THAT RUGER DIDN'T EXPROT. "When does the President of the United

States receive me?" Gen. Ruger was not able to give a definite answer, and Li Hung Chang next fired this: "Where will the President of the United States receive me?"

Gen. Ruger looked ever so much more uncomfortable than as if he were standing to reselve a charge of an enemy of greater force. He turned to those who were in his party, evidently seeking aid to meet this unexpected and, as it happened, unwelcome question. Before he gathered himself for any reply whatever Li Hung Chang added to the confusion by asking: "Where is the residence of the President of the United States—in New York?"

Here was a how-de-do? This really began to sound like a joke. It seemed to those who listened and who had no cause to be embarrassed as if his Excellency had by some Oriental occultism received copies of the American papers which in the past few days have been asking why the President of the United States does n receive this distinguished visitor, representing the ruler of a friendly nation, at the old colo-nial residence between the Arlington Hotel and the Washington Monument, not far from the banks of the Potomac, provided and maintained by the people of the United States for this and other purposes.

When Gen. Ruger went to West Point he received lessons in riding, during which the officer detailed for that purpose sometimes gave the command, "Cross stirrups." That means, you know, that you take your feet out of the stirrups and cross the stirrup straps in front of you on the saddle. When the General was a plebe at West Point and first received that order, mounted on the narrow back of a knowing old horse, which recognized a plebe, his exsion must have been somewhat, granting an allowance for age, of course, the same which his troubled features bore when the Earl of the first rank with the title of Su-Y smilingly quissed him on the subject of his reception by the President.

FOR THIS RELIEF, MANY THANKS.

Fortunately there was at the General's elbow another officer, Gen. J. H. Wilson, retired, who was for a long time in China, and learned there, perhaps, something of Chinese cleverness with which to meet such a situation. At this point Gen. Wilson, through his Excellency's interpreter, eagerly engaged Li Hung Chang in conon. Li turned to tien. Wilson, seemingly satisfied with the devastation he had wrought on the person of the representative of the President of the United States, and said to Gen.

Why, when I saw you last in Canton your hair and beard were black. Now you have not so much of either, and what you have is white. How is that, my dear General?"

The General and the Earl carried on a lively conversation for some time, and then the talk engaged all properly concerned for a time, dur-ing which Li Hung Chang made this very interesting statement:

THIS VISIT NOT LIKED BY EUROPE. "I am glad I have come to America, but when I was in Russia they urged me to return to

China by the overland route, trans-Siberian railroad, and not to come to America; and the representatives of France urged that I should not come to America, but should return to China by way of the Suez Canal."

While this was going on in the drawing room much was going on which could not be seen there, yet undoubtedly would have interested Li Hung Chang had be seen it. This was the unofficial reception in his bonor. Opposite Quarantine the great ship came almost to a stop, merely keeping headway from 12:30 until a few minutes before 1. That permitted all of the ficets to gather about the St. Louis, even the most slowgoing of the excursion boats, and they were keeping up an enthusiastic racket of welcome, which it would have done the Senior Guardian of the Heir Apparent much good to hear. There were those floating palaces called steam yachts. with parties of women in smart frocks enthustastically waving dainty little hiefs at any Chinaman on the deck of the St. Louis, taking the becoming chance that it might be Li. The bright little brana cannone of these yachts were popping away to beat and, saying in sharp staccato, as plainly as you please, "We are glad to see you, Li." Great lumbering ferry boats veered out of their courses from South Brooklyn or Staten Island, and their thousands of passengers shricked uncerementous welcome. A double-decked bay boat, blue on both decks with loyal Chinese sputtered about trying to get close to the great bristling with long bamboo poles, from which were suspended long ropes of such monster firecrackers as would set any boy's heart wild with joy, the crackers popping and rattling and reddening the water for acres about. Saucy little steam launche were darting across the bow of the St. Louis, making up for the lack of sound which their ually saucy little brass cannon produced by the frequency with which they fired them. Sai yachte, fishing smacks, in fact, a cloud of canwased boats was settling about the ship, parting, breaking away, drifting together again like the clouds in the sky, which then gratefully half obscured the sun. A background for all this was the majestic fleet of war ships. But none of this Li Hung Chang saw or heard. That it would have been excellent for him to have seen and heard and been impressed with the beauty and grandeur of our harbor seemed to occur, intermittently, but in a varue way, to Gen. Ruger. Occasionally he would say, but as it happened never to the Earl's interpreter: Perhaps His Excellency would like to go on

This suggestion never reached his Excellency. and so he did not see what sort of a welcome unofficially, the Americans who liked all that they had heard of him were extending.

INQUIRIES ABOUT OLD PRIENDS. But the great statesman was having a pleasant time in the reception room. After his comment upon the change in quantity and color of Gen. Wilson's hair and beard, he promptly asked the General his age. The General confessed to 63, whereupon Li Hung Chang placed the tip of a curious curved gold and amber cigarette holder between his lips, inhaled a long draught of cigarette smoke, exhaled it slowly and comfort ably, and then in a thoughtful tone spoke to the interpreter. The interpreter interpreted thus to Gen. Wilson:

"His Excellency says you are well preserved and will not die for many years." Next his inquiries concerned old friends. He wanted to know when he would meet John W. Foster and John Russell Young. With Mr.

sation in Chinese for some time, and concluded it by saying to the Assistant Secretary of State: "I must take you back to China with me, for you can talk to me in my language."

WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RUGER'S INCOME. Then Li turned his attention, through his interpreter, to Gen. Ruger, asking him his age and his income. Whereat Gen. Ruger, who is fast learning the ways of diplomatists, politely suggested that it was about time for His Excellency to prepare for going ashore. Li Hung Chang smiled as if he entirely appreciated the situation, but he was having too much fun to give up the game abruptly. He turned to Gen. Wilson, and after learning his age and rank, and that he was a retired officer, said:

"Then you are wealthy?" The General confessed that he was in circumstances which enabled him to add a little claret to the apollinaris when he felt so disposed, or words to that effect, whereupon the Earl re-

"Why, I had understood that American army officers all became wealthy when they retired. By this time the white squadron was passed only the New York, which flew the Admiral's and the Chinese flag, firing a salute. On the of the music reached the ears of the crowd a way up toward Governor's Island Li Hung great shout went up, "Here come the troopers!"

the policemen detailed to keep the crowd in order arrived. There were 300 policemen, under the command of Inspector Cortright and Capta Creedon, Copeland, and Westervelt. As the morning wore away and the crowd increased, a space of the width of the pier shed, and extending from it to the centre of West street, was cleared and kept cleared by a line of policemen, forming three sides of a hollow square, In the pier shed there were bardly more than 1,000 persons when the crowd was largest. That the wide, wide world did not get into the shed was only because a person had to have a the long roll.

ALL HAD HEARD OF THE VELLOW JACKET.

That which everybody noticed about the distinguished Chinaman first was that he wore the famous yellow jacket, which after the earliest defeats of the Chinese army by the forces of Japan, the young Emperor had taken from him. Another noticeable thing was the peacock feathers, a mark of distinction of which his Emberor deprived him, but restored to him long before the war was over. The brown sleeves of Li's undergarment were rolled back over the yellow sleeves of the jacket displaying delicately shaped hands and long tapering fingers. The hat was the black official full-dress headgrar, with the Jeweled button, worn only by Manchus of the first class. From the back of the headgear the peacock feathers depended in his left hand he carried a small fan and in his right a small black silk umbrella which shaded his face from the sun's rava.

Li Hung Chang looks exactly like the pictures of him which have been printed in the American newspapers. He has a black mousturbe and an unusually black imperial. His sight is added by spectacies. The most striking thing about his face is its kindly expression. The eyes are unusually large, and from them comes a straight fearless, honest look. As soon as he got in full sight of the crowd the Americans cheered him again and again, but the men of his own country never utered a sound. Perhaps they were too busy keeping the alignment of which their Consul had forcibly reminded them. Li was evidently pleased with the greeting which he received, for he inclined his head to the right and to the left, and a broad, pleasant smile overspread his face. Stepping from the gang plank to the pler's deck he got into his chair, which and to the left, and a broad, pleasant smile overspread his face. Stepping from the gang plank to the pler's deck he got into his chair, which was carried by four of the St. Louis's saliors to the elevator. There he was formally presented to Mr. Griscombe by Gen. Ruger, and the three went down the elevator together. good and sufficient reason for getting beyon

the newest great power in the sisterhood of

nations. The first of the throng reached the

pler as early as 8 o'clock, and from that time

they never stopped coming until long after mid-day. There were fully 1,000 persons massed

about the entrance to the dock at 10:30 when

the pier entrance, to move the policemen who THE ESCORT COMES.

guarded it.

Soon after 11 o'clock music was heard from the lower end of West street. As the first sound Chang stopped those question which, in fact, A moment later, the head of the column-fou



much to us like quizzing, and suddenly demanded to know the particulars about his receptions. The interpreter explained to Gen. Ruger that the Earl requested that ne be furnished in advance with copies of all addresses to be made to him. The General called the interpreter saids and explained that while he could probably promise advance copies of the speeches to be delivered to the Earl at the Mer-

are required by Chinese etiquette, but sound so

chants' Club lunch and the dinner by former American residents of China, he thought ! probable that the speech of the President would be merely an informal welcoming address, When this was explained to Li Hung Chang he immediately asked the exact position held by Gen Ruser in the army. Possibly he had it in nis mind that Gen. Ruger might order the President to be decapitated unless he furnished an advance copy of his speech. This, of course, is a mere vagrant supposition; nothing was said

LI PROTESTS HIS PLEASURD. Passing Governor's Island, the picturesque old fort boomed a salute, and the cause of this disturbance being explained to Li Hung Chaug.

'I am greatly pleased with the honor." As much of the fleet as could keep abreast of the St. Louis did so all the way up into the North River, the excursionists eagerly scanning the figures leaning over the rail in the hope of a sight of Li Hung Chang. But one Chinese se vant in blue jacket was the only Celestial vision vouchsafed them. If it was not permitted the great Chinaman to witness all the beauty and enthusiasm of the reception on the water, it was no less a great source of joy and wonderment to most of the passengers. They crowded the rat and exchanged cheers and salutations with the excursionists, all but one. That one was a young woman in a gray waist and skirt and a very large black hat with three very large black plumes. Through all the cheering and excitement, and laughter and halling, she leaned upo the rail continually, and with a slow, rhythmic motion waved a small American flag. Perhaps t was only that she was glad to be home. But it seemed, during the hour and a half she kept up this action, as if possibly she resented the prevalence about her of the dragon flag.

HIS EXCELLENCY DOCKED IN YANKER STYLE, At last the pier was reached. The big liner made a quick, clean docking, and in a fer minutes a bridge was thrown out from the sec and story of the pier house to the main deck of the steamer. This bridge was carpeted and draped in crimson, and from the shore end of the bridge to an elevator was a strip of carpet eading to the draped and carpeted lift. The instant the bridge was set the Chinese Consul and two Chinese representatives of the Chines Six Companies ran down the bridge and on the deck, in a manner funnily recalling the advance down stage of the three little maids from school devised by Gilbert. They had nice little packages of red paper in their hands, and when they reached the deck they made quick, funny little bows to every Chinaman they saw and nervously dis tributed papers from their little bundles ome one said that the little papers contained little addresses of welcome. Li Hung Chang did not get any of these papers, but that was be cause the paper bearers could not get near to him. When he was informed that everything was ready for his departure he walked out of oker and sat in his chair, which was manned this time by four quartermasters. His attendants then made what looked like the preparation for a flying wedge around him so that no one could approach very closely. Thus he was carried to the elevator. He remained in his chair while it was being lowered to the wharf. He entered the carriage in waiting, and with him went Gen. Ruger, Assistant Secretary of State Rockbill, and Li Ching Fong, Viscount Councillor. The others of the party quickly followed him, entered carriag vers driven out on West street. With the escort they proceeded to the Waldorf.

LI'S WELCOME ON LAND.

Met by a Crowd at the Pirr and Cheered by Crowde in the Streets.

Five thousand Americans and sixty Chinamen gathered on and about the American line pier at the foot of Fulton street to welcome Li Hung Chang, the chief subject of the oldest Rockhill, Li Hung Chang carried on a conver- Government in the world, to the chief city of

troops of the Sixth United States Cavalry from Fort Myer, Va., under command of the Regimental Commander, Col. Sumner-came into view. The troopers had come over from Fort Hamilton, where they have been stationed since hey arrived from Fort Myer on last Wednesday. Much has been printed about the horsemanship of these rough riders, and a sight of them as they swung up West street at an easy trot was enough to convince anybody that they merit their reputation, Finer seats in the saddle than these men had New Yorkers probably have never seen. Preceding them was the mounted band of the regiment. When the head of the line reached a point a few feet north of the pier shed, the cavalrymen were halted in double rank, and faced to the front; then they awaited the arrival of the man whose escort they were to be.

DECORATIONS ON THE PIER.

There were few decorations or the pler shed. Flags fluttered from masts on the roof, the flag of the Union floating beside the yellow flag with the central blue dragon, the national colors of China. On the north side of the pier lay the New York. She was in holid-y attire. From every mast and yard and halliard fluttered a flag. Conspicuous among the national ensigns were the Chinese colors. Inside of the pier the decorations were more preentious. All the arrangements for receiving Li Hung Chang at the pier were in the hands of Clement G. Griscombe, Jr., Vice-President of the International Navigation Company. Mr. Griscombe, in order to prevent the crowd from collecting around the gangplank when Earl Li di-embarked, had fenced off a space about fifty feet square on the south of the upper deck of the pier. This space embraced that part of the pler where the first cabin passengers were to land and the elevator which was to lower the guest of the nation to the pier's lower deck. The space was covered with a canopy of red

and inside of the railing palms and tropical plants made the enclosure look not unlike s tropical garden. In this enclosure were gathered the Chinese Consuls at New York and Havan and their suites and sixty members of the Chinese Merchanta' Association, together with number of policemen and 100 men of the Naval Reserve under command of Lieutenant-Commander Kent. The Chinese merchants represented nineteen ranks or grades in the Ch social scale. Each man's grade was indicated largely by the character of his beaddress. He who wore a white button on the crown of his hat was of the fifth grade, the highest represented in the Merchants' Association. Below the white-button grade were those who wore the blue, purple, white and gold buttons. He who wore no button at all was of the lowest grade. The personal representative of Gen, Ruger at the pier was Lieut. Cummings of the Fourth Artillery.

Fourth Artillery.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

From the time the earliest of the crowd gathered at the pier until it was announced that the St. Louis was in sight nearly nve nours had slipped by Yet no one seemed impatient and no one acemed tired of waiting. It was a few minutes before I o'clock when the twoling of the whistles of the river craft announced that the great ocean liner would soon round into her silp. As soon as the vessel could be seen from the west end of the pier there was a craning of necks and pressit go o'opera glasses into service to get a first look at the man everybody wanted to see. It is quite possible that the St. Louis was never docked more quickly. It was hardly more than fitten minutes from the time she swung into the slip before the gang plank connected her deck with the pier.

While the slip was belig docked the Chinese Consul at New York was running hither and being evidently extremely nervous. In his hand he carried a package that looked much like a two-pound lox of Huyler's, a bundle of letters and telegrams, and a package of red papers of about the size of an official envelope. Much curiosity was evinced as to what hese red papers were. It was learned after at me that they were official documents which the Chinese Minister had commissioned the Consul to deliver to Li. Every few minutes the Consul to deliver to Li. Every few minutes the Consul would find relief from his nervous-ness by running up and down the line of merchants, which had been formed as soon as the St. Louis was sighted from the pier, and tapping one on the nose with his fan, gently kicking that one in the shins, and unceremoniously treading on the toes of another to remind him that he was out of alignment. It was suggested by some one that this was the way Chinese military officers kept their men in line whi on dress parade. The statement was afterward denied however, on the authority of no less a personage than the Consul himself. HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

THE LORD SETS FOOT ON AMERICAN SOIL. As the gangpank was swung out the naval reserves brought to present arms, their band played. Hail to the Chief!" and the crowd about the enclosure began cheering. The New York and Havana Consuls were the first ones

ARRIVING AT THE WALDORF.

so few Chinese flags in the city.

IMPRESSED BY OUR SKY SCRAPERS.

Along the route Li was greeted with enthusisatic cheering. If he suprecisted the welcome he was receiving, he certainly did not indicate it by his manner. There was never a nod of the head, never a smile, never a wave of the hand from the time he left the pler until he reached the notel. It may be concluded that the few who basked in the light of the distinguished Chinaman's smile when he acknowledged the observable of the smile who hasked in the light of the distinguished consideration. The things that appeared to interest him most were the shall suitoings. Every little while he would lean forward, say something to Mr. Rockhill, nod his head as he received a reply, and then look back at one of the great buildings he had passed.

Upon reaching City Hall Park Li was not slow to see the Chinere flag flying above the City Hall. He was interested in a moment. Mr. Rockhill was evidently besleged with all manner of questions. As Li heard the replies he wagged his head, He seemed to lose sight of everything around him save the City Hall and the vellow flag flying above it. The attention which he paid to the city's chief buildings attracted the attention of others, and there were flag, even in honor of so distinguished a person as Li Hung Chang, had been unfurled there.

When the procession turned luto Washington square and passed under the Washington Arch, Li had, if appearances indicated anything, a great many questions to ask ab ut the arch. The frequent node of bis head indicated that Mr. Rockhill was giving him all the information he desired. All the way up Fifth Avenue, from Washington square to the Waldorf, there was only one Chinese flag displayed. At Twenty-third street Li caught sight of the banner of McKinley and Hobart stretched from the National Republican headquarters in the Metropolitan Life insurance Building. This reemed to sith his keenest interest. He looked at it long and earnessily and thon, half rising in his seat, he pointed with

the flag was there for and what it meant.

LI TIRED AND ANXIOUS TO REST.

There was little or no demonstration from Twenty-third street to the Waldorf. Near the hotel, however, there was a crowd extending from Thirty-third street two blocks north and south, and from Fifth avenue to Broadway and from Fifth avenue to Broadway and from Fifth avenue to Madison avenue along to Thirty-third street. The police arrangements were such, however, that there was no jostling and no crowding and no effort on the part of the throng to get where they weren't wanted. The police were under the command of Acting Inspectors Brooks and McCullach. The cavalry wheeled from the avenue into Thirty-third street and balled, with sabres at "present" on the south side of the street. Part this line Li's carriage massed to the hotel entrance. He took no more notice of the aplendid appearance of the cavalrymen than if they weren't there. He seemed auxious only to get out of all the noise and hubbub and display, and get a chance to rest. He had, indeed, add at the pier that he was very tired and anxious to get to the hotel acquickly as nossible. It was for that reason that policemen, troopers, and carriages mived along at a briek trot over the entire line of march.

There was no Committee of Arrangements at the hotel. He scanned the people narrowly as he got out of the carriage, and then suddenly a smile spread over his face and he advanced rapidly under the porte cochère. Standing at the foot of the steps leading to the hotel loby was a distinguished-looking, wh te-haired man with long flowing Burnsides and heavy moustache, it was the sight of this man that brough the smile of the Grisance. He advanced to greet an old friend, the Hon, John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of Siste and the Commissioner of the Chinese Government in settling its war claims with Japan. The greeting het ween the two men was most cordial. Each mile and towed, and smiled and bowed some more, but, there being no medium of communication at hand, neither said a word.

SHOOK HAN LI TIRED AND ANXIOUS TO REST.

SHOOK RANDS WITH A BELL BOY.

EHOOK HANDS WITH A BELL BOY.

Li was met in the lobby of the hotel by the Chinese Minister, who had hurried up from the uler to be there when he arrived. Then all the Waldorf beil boys flocked around Li, eager for a chance to do something for him. This action on the part of the "buttons" evidently puzzled the venerable statesman. He atopped locked at each one carefully, and then extending his hand, shook hands with the nearest one. He started to go the entire rounds of the bell boys when the Chinese Minister came to his rescue, grasped his arm, and hustled him away to the clevator and up to his apariments.

apariments.

It has been told already in THE SUN that the apariments reserved for Li Hung Chang and his suite are the state apariments on the first floor above the office. It nust be understood, floor above the office. It must be understood, however, that the state arar ments do not accupy the entire first floor. They extend along the Fifth avenue front and along Thirty-third street. It was found necessary, however, to reserve all of the rooms on the first floor for the party and a few rooms on the second floor. Thirty-sight rooms in all were engaged. This includes the rooms occupe dby the servants. In Lie suite there are eighteen persons, all men.

to board the ship, and they were followed almost immediately by Col. Frederick D. Grant. In a few moments four of the saliormen of the St. Louis sppeared with the Viceroy's chair. This was built something after the fashion of a Sedan chair. The woodwork consisted of bamboo poles. The upholstering was red plush. The carrying sticks protruded about three feet in front and behind the chair's seat. A moment after this there was a vision of gold lace and brass buttons and a yellow jacket, and the man about whom Americans have been reading and talking for weeks had landed upon Americans soil. LI'S LIVING ROOMS

nine persons in his party.

Li's Living Rooms.

Li's own rooms are a parior, bedroom, bathroom, smoking room, and library on the Fifth avenue corner, some of the rooms fronting on Fifth avenue and some on Thirty-third street. His bedroom is called the state bedroom. The walls are hong with Gobelin blue tapeatries, and heavy tapeatry curtains are hung at the windows. The net coat \$5,000, and is about eight feet high from mattrees to canopy. Adjoining Li's own apartments are those of his adopted son, numbered 110 and 111. This is called the gold suite or bridal chamber, and is furn'shed in white and gold with upholsterings and mirror hangings of light blue satin. The next from is that occupied by Lo Fang Tu, and next to him is the room of the state-man's son. Li King Shu or Lord Li, Jr. Next to that is the room of the state-man's son. Li King Shu or Lord Li, Jr. Next to that is the room wi'Dr. George Mark. Dr. Mark is almost as interesting as the Viceroy. He is hardly more than 27 years old. He speaks, in addition to his native tongue. English, French, German, Italian, and Russian fluently. He was educated for the profession of medicine in his own country, and then took post graduate courses in Loodon, Vienna, and Paris. He has the reputation of being the foremost physician and surgeon in the Chinese empirs.

Across the hall from these rooms are those occupied by Li's body servant and the servants of his sen and adonted son. Other rooms on this floor are occupied by the Chinese Min ster. Yang; Dr. Irwin, and Mr. Drew. On the second floor are all of the young stlaches of the Special Ambassador. These are the sons of noblemen, who are making this tour more for the education it gives them than anything else.

Li Hung Chang insists that his meals shall be

with stoical indifference the stares that were directed at them from all sides. When they had finished eating they strolled up and down, apparently oblivious to all about them, except a pretty woman now and then.

There was one grave-looking Cninaman with a beautiful queue falling down from a little blue cap with a red knob on the top of it, and with great gold-bound glasses, who couldn't tear bimself away from the cymbals and the player in the Hungarian band. Whenever the band began to play he would go straight to the cymbals and stand in from of the player, motionless as a statue, never speaking nor even amiling.

THE SUITE REAR THE BAND PLAY

THE SUITE HEAR THE BAND PLAY.

The gypsy player was bugely pleased with the attention he was attracting. Once he glanced up to the Chinaman with a smile on his face as if to win an answering smile, but Mr. Chinaman paid no attention to him. After a piece by the band the Chinaman lingered and the gypsy began a solo. He ran the hammers all over the strings. He conjured out of the instriment the welrdest of gypsy tunes. The Chinaman approached until his flowing garments touched the cymbals. He looked at the man's hands with unwinking intentness, and when the player stopped he turned and went up stairs in the elevator without leaving a quarier or asying "Thank you." The musician looked disappointed.

Li Hung Chang's programme for to-day is somewhat unsettled and cannot be decided upon until President Cleveland arrives in town this morning. He is to receive Li at William C. Whitney's house this morning.

Li will be eccorted to the Whitney house by the troops of the Nixth Cavalry. No formal programme has been made for this afternoon,



DOYERS STREET IN GALA DRESS.

prepared by his own private cooks and served in the dining room adjoining his private apartment. To meet his wish in this matter a corner of the Waldorf kitchen, locking out upon Fifth avenue, has been set as its for, the coolie cooks. There they will prepare suct food as Li is fond of. The members of the suite will dine in the Astor dining room, as the large dining hall attached to the siste apartment is called.

AMERICAN BEAUTY ROSES AWAITED HIM.

With the exception of palms and tropical plants in the halls leading to the apartment set aside for Earl Li, there was no doral decorations in any of the rooms, save in Li's own bedroom, where there was a larce basket of American Beauty roses, to which was attached an envelope, scaled and addressed to "Li Hung Chang, care of Lord Li." When Gen. Ruger saw this direction he said it reminded him of a story which Tom Ochiltree used to tell. The story, as Gen. Ruger told it, was to the effect that when Col. Ochiltree first went to Congress from Texas he left his son in charge of his office, in front of which was a sign which read: "T.P. Ochiltree & Son. attorneys and counsellors at law." When the Colonei came back from Washington the sign read: "Thomas Ochiltree & Father, attorneys and connections of the conference of the sign read: "Thomas Ochiltree & Father, attorneys and conscious AMERICAN BEAUTY ROSES AWAITED HIM.

orhitree & rather, and the Waldorf has been closed at law."

Elevator No. 1 in the Waldorf has been closed to the hotel guests, and is to be used only by Li and his suite white they are there. The elevator boy is ornamented with a huge nickel chain, which extends around his neck and nearly to the bottom of his walscoat, and he wears a poppy in his battonhole. The only callers whom Li received gesterday were Col. F. D. Grant and the Russian Minister. He excused himself to all interviewers, saying that he was too fatigued to encounter the representatives of the American press.

can press. LI SAID TO FLATTER US.

Mr. Drew spoke for him. He said that Li was more than pleased with the reception which he had received, and even from the little he had seen of America, in passing through a few of the streets of her chief city, he could not but woncer at the activity and enterprise of the American people. Mr. Drew said that he would retire very early last evening, not only because of his fatigue, but because it is his custom. He is an extremely early riser. It is very seldon that he sleeps later than 6 o'clock, and his suite must all be up and dressed and ready for breakfast by 7:30 at latest. Every a ternoon from 2 to 4 Li retires to his room and never allows him-elf to be disturbed. He devotes those two hours to rest and to sleep if possible.

Ell's luggage filled three of the Waldorf omnibuses. The pieces consisted not only of trunks and valises and boxes, but of bird cages of all sizes and shapes, bundles of the character of those commonly carried by denizens of the Italian quarter, canes, colored slik barasols and umbrellas, and odd hat boxes. There were were also a number of little packages, perhaps a foot long, done up in royal purple slik, inquiry as to what hese contained elicited the information that they were chop sticks. The cooking utelsis were tied up in one of these Italian bundles, first in royal purple slik and then in a white cloth which looked very much like white muslin. LI SAID TO FLATTER US.

LI EATS AND GOES TO BED. A Boiled Bluner and Not Much of It Satis fies Him - Hanna in Eclipse.

With the coming to the Walderf of Li Hung Chang and his long suite, a star that was brilliant day before yesterday faded into temporary obscurity and was well-nigh lost to view. Tha star was Mark Hanna. In days past, when he strolled through the corridor, the crowds assem bled there had eyes for none save him. They gave way before him, they looked at him with we, and they told one another how he was the biggest man in the Republican party.

But all was changed last night. Mark Hanna paced up and down the corridor as little observed as if he were merely the plainest American citizen. The lowlest Chinaman in Li Hung Chang's suite was to Mark Hanna as is he prima donna in the full glare of the limeight to the homeliest girl in the back row of the chorus. Li himself was not visible during the evening. He was too tired to go down stairs. LI'S BOILED DINNER.

Li gave the lie last night to the reports that came from the other side about the size of his linners. He may eat on state occasions a dinuer of twenty-six or twenty-seven courses, but he does not do so always, and did not do so last night. His dinner consisted of boiled beef tongue, botted chicken, boiled rice, and mineral water. His suite ate very much more expensive things, for they ordered from the regular menu in the winter garden.

Li cined in his apartments at 7 o'clock with his son and his adopted son and nephew. At first he thought he would go down stairs after dinner and see the crowd in the corridor of his suite said something about this, and that is what set the people looking for him, but he thought better of it and stayed in his rooms with Mr. Drew until he went to bed, at about 9:30. After the call of the Russian Minister he

saw no one.
With his suite, however, it was different,
They dined in the winter garden, and they bore

but in the evening there will be at the Waldorf a dinner given in his honor by the former Min-isters to China.

CHINATOWN IN GALA DEESS.

Finge Out, Streets Crowded, Theatre Parked, and Lanterne Hung Everywhere. Chinatown was ablaze last night. Mott, Pell, and Doyers streets were illuminated with hun dreds of colored lanterns strung down the fronts of the buildings and across. Never before in the history of Chinatown was

it visited by so many persons in one night as it was last night. The three streets which comprise the Chinese quarters were thronged all Capt. Young had twelve policemen in plain

clothes scattered through the crowd looking for pickpockets and roughs, and there were uniformed men to keep everybody moving.

Occasionally a carriage or a placeton with sightseers from "above Fourteenth street," would pass through the streets, and the Chinampin would stars at the correct, and the Chinampin would stars at the correct. sightseers from above rouricenth street, would pass through the streets, and the Chinamen would stare at the occupants currously. Capt. Young estimated that 20,000 strangers were in Chinatown during the night.

Should Li Hung Chang visit the Chinese quarter he will get a rousing reception. He cannot enter the quarter without passing under arches which are swung across at the entrances of the three streets leading to the quarter. These hear words of greeting and are decorated with flags and bannerets.

nerets.

Despite the permit of the Mayor to the Chinamen to shoot fire-trackers in Chinatown until Sept. 5, but one string was let loose before mid-The Chinese theatre was packed with Chinamen sightseers. Even the Chatham Club, in Doyers atreet, whose members are the young white men of Chinatown, decorated their club house and displayed Chinese and American flags.

THE PRESIDENT COMING.

caves Gray Cables on the Tacht Sapphire to Meet Li Hung Chang Here. Buzzand's Bay, Aug. 28.—The steam yacht

apphire, owned by Mr. Stillman of New York, left here at 12:45 P. M. with President Cleveland, bound for New York, where the reception to Li Hung Chang is to be given. Accompanying the President were Attorney-General Harmon and Private Secretary Thurber. The Sapphire arrived yesterday afternoon and

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came to anchor below Hog Island. In the forenoon Mr. Thurber was taken to the yacht on
the President's steam launch to confer with the
Captain as to the time of departure. The noon
hour was decided upon and the launch returned
to Gray Gables. Before making preparations
for leaving the President received a visit from
Joe Jefferson. He remained for half an hour or
so and bade the President good by.
Secretary Oiney also came up from Faimouth and was driven over to Gray Gables
from the flag station, returning in time to go on
the noon train to Boston. At jut 12 o'clock
the President and party entered the steam
aunch and passed down between the island
and the mainiand to the yacht. It requires
about thirteen hours to make the trip, and if
the weather is favorable the yacht should arrive at New York by 2 o'clock in the morning.
It is the President's intention to return to Gray
Gables by Sunday.

UP GOES THE CHINESE FLAG. Lysong Strong Moists the Colors of the Celestial Empire.

Mayor Strong issued a proclamation yesterday permitting the Chinese flag to be displayed on the public buildings as long as Li Hung Chang shall remain in the city. Then he directed the janitor to run up the Chinese flag on City Hall. janitor to run up the Chinese flag on City Hall. Policeman Kennell, who is detailed for duty at the Mayor's office, started out on a hunt for the flag, and finally got one at the Chinese Club, 19 Mott street. Soon after, the blue dragon and red bail on a yellow ground were displayed from the central flagsiaff on the City Hall cupois. Heretofore it has been customary to unituria foreign flag from one of the side staffs, with the American flag in the centre.

The flag that was obtained for the City Hall is rectangular, and is said to be the largest Chinese flag in the city. It was smaller, however, than the American flags on each side of it. Mayor Strong has a Chinese flag of his own. Park Commissioners McMillan and Ely called

Park Commissioners McMillan and Ely called on the Mayor yesterday, and it was arranged that Li should be requested to blant a tree while in the city. It probably will be placed on the Riverside Drive, near Gen. Grant's tomb. Two o'clock on Sunday afternoon is the time tentatively agreed upon.

Only Five Cents for a Look at Lt. Hundreds of people saw Li Hung Chang and his escort for five cents each. They boarded the Broadway cable cars, which the precession stopped as it passed, and thus were enabled to look at their leisure upon the Chinese states man. As long as the procession was on Broad-way the cable cars it met were crowded. Most of them left the cars as soon as the procession had passed.

to Gen. Gordon's monument in Trafaigar square, and after making the true Oriental triple obeisance decorated it with wreaths. EMBARKING FOR OUR SHORE.

HIS EXCELLENCY AFLOAT.

HIS TRIP FROM THE OLD WORLD

TO THE NEW ON A LANKEE FLYER.

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From THE EVENING SUN.

An Evening Sun correspondent, who crossed

on the St. Louis with Li Hung Chang, furnishes

Li Hung Chang's quiet life on board ship has been in ma ked contrast to his constant sight-seeing and official entertainment in England.

The last of the formalities through which he had to go was his embarkation in the St. Louis

at Southampton, By special command of

Queen Victoria four of the royal coarnes were

n waiting at Carlton House, in London, at 8:30

A. M. on Saturday last to convey to Hung

Chang and his suite to the special train that the

American line had provided to take them to

Southampton. The dignity of the procession,

produced by the large, heavy coaches, with coachmen in scarlet livery and bay horses so

fat they could scarcely trot, was considerably

marred by the accompaniment at the rear of

ten or twelve hansoms containing servants.

The special made the trip to Southampton without incident, but on arrival there at il o'clock Li Hung Chang was met in great state

by the officers of the town and escorted on poard the St. Louis with heavy dignity. First

came the Mayor, attended by three of his coun-cillors in blue and red uniforms and cocked hats

and carrying the mace and other insignia of their office; then the American and British

Consuls and a dozen or so of the prominent

citizens of the town. After a wait of several

minutes, caused by Li Hung Chang's stopping to speak to Miss Gordon, the sister of Gen. Gor-

don, the Viceroy and his suite arrived beside

the ship. It will be remembered that Gen.

Gordon had been a warm friend of the Vice-

roy-in fact, had assisted him in putting down the Tai'ping rebellion back in the early '60a.

When Li Hung Chang was in London be went

three to a cab.

the following details of the voyage:

Li Hung Chang was borne aloft to the edge of the deck, through a dense crowd lined up on each side of the walk, in his own chair that he brought with him from China. It is a bamboo obair of the ordinary size, upholetered in bright red plush and resting on two large rods of bamboo about six feet long, which act as handles. When the gangplank was reached the two of his attendants who were carrying the chair carefully lowered it to the ground, got out of the "harness," or leather shoulder straps that the carriers use, and were supplanted by two sailors, who carried the Viceroy up the gangplank to the main drawing room, where the Mayor and officers were waiting, and where he was received by Capt. Randle of the St. Louis. As the ship left the dock salutes were fired

from several English ships anchored in the Southampton River, and as she passed the United States cruiser Minneapolis the vessel ran up the Chinese flag, and, with officers and crew drawn up on deck, flashed out, first from the port and then from the starboard guns, the sainte of seventeen guns. Li Hung Chang watched this demonstration

with interest and appeared to be greatly pleased, BERE IS THE MOULDER OF MODERN CHINA.

As the ship started down the Scient and passed the Isle of Wight Li took a short walk on the deck. Over six feet in height, with a solid, broad figure, and movements slow, either from age or dignity, or both, he seemed indeed an imposing and imperial personality. His head is round and well shaped, shaven close, with the exception of a patch of black had at the back, from which proceeds his long wiry pigtail, extending below his knees. He has a large grayish moustache and goatee, and prominent cheek bones so high that large hol-lows are formed on each side of his mouth, which, together with large twinkling brown eyes, give him the appearance of wearing an eternal kindly smile. It is only when he opens his mouth and shows his teeth by really smiling that one appreciates he has not been smiling all the time.

Li Hung Chang's dress on board ship was severely plain-a tunic of brown and a skirt of blue plush, light blue trousers underneath gathered into the usual Chinese slippers, with thick springy soles, and a black silk skull cap, which he never takes off in public, with a small red silk crown-like ornament on the top. in fact, the only thing that would distinguish him from others in the embassy, so far as dress is concerned, is the pin he wears in the front of his cap, a large pearl at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, surrounded by eight small

diamonds. LI'S COSTLY MEALS.

During the trip Li did not spend much of his time on deck. He ate in his own stateroom food prepared by three of his own cooksbird's nesta, a large supply of which he brought with him from China, sea sings, and sharks fins, all "ver expensive," as the chief cook said. To be sure about ten of the embassy had a table to themselves in the main saison, and appeared to delight in chicken okes sonn and American cooked rice. But when Li did appear he was most affable. He held several levees on deck and in the drawing room, where he talked with various passengers. All the conversation was carried on through an interpreter, as Li Hung Chang speaks his mother tongue only, but he often appeared to under stand part of what was said, and occasionally he would even correct a word or two of the interpreter's English or put in a word left out.

The conversation usually took the form of "interviews." Indeed, if Li Hung Chang had not succeeded as a Vicercy he would have made an ideal newspaper reporter. One morning when on deck he called a little child to him and, taking her on his knee in the most fatherly way, asked the inevitable opestion. "How old are you?" which has bothered the English people so much. It seems that in China, as was earned from one of the embassy, this question and its usual supplement, "What is your sal-ary?" are the politest and most graceful form that a conversation with a newly made ac-

quaintance can take. Another time the conversation was on Chinese education of women. Li Hung Chang told the women with whom he was talking that the women in China received no mental training at all. Between the ages of 6 and 7 a course of i struction to housekeeping and household duties was begun and continued till marriage. And

yet the Chinese are mostly monogamous. On Thursday morning Senator Daniel had a talk with Li Hung Chang. The Senator said that the Viceroy had asked many questions in relation to the United States Government, how t differed from and how it resembled the English Government, what the pay and what the duties of a Senstor were, how chosen and for

what time, and so on, ad infinitum. "Indeed," said the Senator, " his questions all seemed to indicate a very acute mind and one that instinctively selected the most important

HE INTERVIEWS AND IS INTERVIEWED. THE EVENING SUN man had so audience with the Vicercy on Thursday evening. Or there's Mark, one of the ductors to the subsety, infre-duced him and acted as the interpreter. When

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